

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended) In a beverage preparation apparatus using heated water for producing a beverage reservoir, a reservoir for containing and dispensing heated water comprising:

a housing defining a chamber therein;

a water heater associated with the housing for heating the water in the chamber;

at least one inlet port communicating with the chamber for introducing water into the chamber;

at least one outlet port communicating with the chamber for dispensing water from the chamber;

at least one baffle structure positioned inside the chamber proximate to at least one outlet port;

the at least one baffle structure having a wall at least partially defining a cavity, the cavity communicating with the chamber, the cavity communicating directly with and the outlet port through the housing in a lower portion of the cavity, an upper edge of the wall defining a mouth through which water is received from the chamber into the cavity for dispensing through the outlet port.

Claim 13 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus using heated water for producing a beverage reservoir as in claim 12, further comprising:

a tube extending from the outlet port; a receiver for receiving heated water from the tube and for receiving a beverage substance for mixing with the heated water for producing a beverage therefrom.

Claim 14 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

the receiver being a brewing funnel for receiving a quantity of beverage brewing substance therein, the tube delivering heated water for infusing the beverage brewing substance for producing a brewed beverage.

Claim 15 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

the receiver being a mixing chamber for receiving a quantity of beverage brewing substance therein, a beverage substance dispenser for dispensing a beverage substance to the mixing chamber for mixing the beverage substance with heated water in the mixing chamber for producing a beverage.

Claim 16 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:

an inlet control device communicating with the inlet line for controlling the introduction of water to the reservoir.

Claim 17(original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 16, further comprising:  
a controller;

the inlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the inlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the inlet control valve to controllably introduce water to the reservoir.

Claim 18 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:  
an outlet control device communicating with the outlet line for controlling the dispensing of water to the reservoir.

Claim 19 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising: a controller; the outlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the outlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the outlet control valve to controllably dispense water from the reservoir.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A beverage preparation apparatus using heated water for producing a beverage, the beverage preparation apparatus comprising:  
a reservoir for receiving, containing and heating water;  
a housing of said reservoir defining a chamber therein;  
a controller for controlling operation of the beverage preparation apparatus;  
a water heater associated with the housing for heating the water in the chamber, the water heater being coupled to the controller;  
at least one inlet port communicating with the chamber for introducing water into the chamber;  
an inlet control device communicating with the inlet line port and coupled to the controller for controlling the introduction of water to the reservoir;  
at least one outlet port communicating with the chamber for dispensing water from the chamber;  
an outlet control device communicating with the inlet line and coupled to the controller for controlling the dispensing of water from the reservoir;  
a tube extending from the outlet port;  
a receiver for receiving heated water from the tube and for receiving a beverage substance for mixing with the heated water for producing a beverage therefrom;

at least one baffle structure positioned inside the chamber proximate to the at least one outlet port;

the at least one baffle structure having a wall at least partially defining a cavity, the cavity communicating with the chamber and the cavity communicating directly with the outlet port through the housing in a lower portion of the cavity, an upper edge of the wall defining a mouth through which water is received from the chamber into the cavity for dispensing through the outlet port.

Claim 21 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 20, further comprising:

the receiver being a brewing funnel for receiving a quantity of beverage brewing substance therein, the tube delivering heated water for infusing the beverage brewing substance for producing a brewed beverage.

Claim 22 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 20, further comprising: the receiver being a mixing chamber for receiving a quantity of beverage brewing substance therein, a beverage substance dispenser for dispensing a beverage substance to the mixing chamber for mixing the beverage substance with heated water in the mixing chamber for producing a beverage.

Claim 23 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 20, further comprising:

the inlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the inlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the inlet control valve to controllably introduce water to the reservoir.

Claim 24 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 20, further comprising:

the outlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the outlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the outlet control valve to controllably dispense water from the reservoir.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (currently amended) The reservoir of claim 26 claim 20 further comprising the wall of the baffle defining a generally tubular structure communicating with the chamber and with one corresponding outlet port.

Claim 28 (original) The reservoir of claim 20 further comprising at least one inlet port being positioned in a lower portion of the reservoir.

Claim 29 (original) The reservoir of claim 20 further comprising at least one inlet port being positioned in an upper portion of the reservoir.

Claim 30 (original) The reservoir of claim 20 the heating means further comprising a heating element retained in the reservoir for heating water disposed therein.

Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (original) The reservoir of claim 20 further comprising a dispensing faucet communicating with the outlet port.

Claim 33 (currently amended) A heated water dispensing apparatus comprising:  
a reservoir for receiving, containing and heating water;  
a housing of said reservoir defining a chamber therein;  
a controller for controlling operation of the heated water dispensing apparatus;  
a water heater associated with the housing for heating the water in the chamber, the water heater being coupled to the controller;  
at least one inlet port communicating with the chamber for introducing water into the chamber;  
an inlet control device communicating with the inlet line and coupled to the controller for controlling the introduction of water to the reservoir;  
at least one outlet port communicating with the chamber for dispensing water from the chamber;  
an outlet control device communicating with the inlet line and coupled to the controller for controlling the dispensing of water from the reservoir; a controllable dispensing faucet communicating with the outlet port for controllably dispensing heated water from the apparatus;  
at least one baffle structure positioned inside the chamber proximate to at least one outlet port;  
the at least one baffle structure having a wall at least partially defining a cavity, the cavity communicating with the chamber and the cavity communicating directly with the outlet port through the housing in a lower portion of the cavity, an upper edge of the wall defining a mouth through which water is received from the chamber into the cavity for dispensing through the outlet port.

Claim 34 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 33, further comprising:

the inlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the inlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the inlet control valve to controllably introduce water to the reservoir.

Claim 35 (original) The beverage preparation apparatus of claim 33, further comprising:

the outlet control device being a controllable valve coupled to the outlet line and coupled with the controller for controllably operating the outlet control valve to controllably dispense water

from the reservoir.

Claim 36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (original) The reservoir of claim 33 further comprising the wall of the baffle defining a generally tubular structure communicating with the chamber and with at least one outlet port.

Claim 38 (canceled)

Claim 39 (original) The reservoir of claim 33 further comprising at least one inlet port being positioned in a lower portion of the reservoir.

Claim 40 (original) The reservoir of claim 33 further comprising at least one inlet port being positioned in an upper portion of the reservoir.

Claim 41 (original) The reservoir of claim 33 the heating means further comprising a heating element retained in the reservoir for heating water disposed therein.

Claims 42 -45 (canceled)